

REMARKS

Drawing Objections

The present Office Action objects to the legend for Figure 1. Applicants have submitted a drawing amendment to address the present Office Action's 4 objections to the drawings.

112 Rejection

Claims 8-14 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have cancelled claims 8-12 without prejudice and therefore the rejection is moot. The present Office Action indicates that "sensory light" renders claim 18-20 indefinite. Applicants respectfully assert that "sensory light" is sufficiently definite to a person ordinarily skilled in the art. Applicants also respectfully assert that the claimed subject matter is further described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one ordinarily skilled in the relevant art sufficient information to practice the invention. For example, if a sensory light wave is broken then the break in the light is sensed and interpreted as an input (Present Application page 17 lines 19 through 21).

Allowable Subject Matter

The preset Office Action indicates that Claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim 15 and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter and have rewritten independent Claim 15 to add the elements and limitations of Claim 17.

The present Office Action also indicates that Claims 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. As indicated above, Applicants respectfully assert that the Claims do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, and the claimed subject matter is described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one ordinarily skilled in the relevant art sufficient information to practice the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that present claimed invention does overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph, set forth in the present Office Action.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

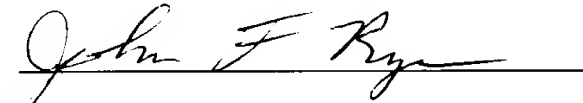
CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims. The examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW REVISIONS MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

1 Cancel Claim 1 without prejudice.

2 Cancel Claim 2 without prejudice.

3 Cancel Claim 3 without prejudice.

4 Cancel Claim 4 without prejudice.

5 Cancel Claim 5 without prejudice.

6 Cancel Claim 6 without prejudice.

7 Cancel Claim 7 without prejudice.

8 Cancel Claim 8 without prejudice.

9 Cancel Claim 9 without prejudice.

10 Cancel Claim 10 without prejudice.

11 Cancel Claim 11 without prejudice.

12 Cancel Claim 12 without prejudice.

13 Cancel Claim 13 without prejudice.

14 Cancel Claim 14 without prejudice.

15(Amended) A display illumination distribution method comprising [the steps of]:

emitting light from a light source;

directing [the emitted] said light in a wave guide;

propagating [the] said light [waves] through a lens into a light pipe;

emitting a portion of said light from said light pipe;

conveying another portion of said light down said light pipe for emission at a different location in said light pipe; and

conveying [the] said light to a display.

17 Cancel Claim 17 without prejudice.